



## February 19, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**—Chair Dennis Fagan called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM in the STC Conference room.

### ATTENDANCE

**Chemung County** – Theodore Bennett; Donna Draxler; Kimberlee Middaugh;

**Schuyler County** – Kate Bartholomew; Judy McKinney Cherry; Dennis Fagan; Kristin VanHorn

**Steuben County** – Mark Alger; Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; James Johnson; Scott VanEtten

**STC Staff** – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Kemberli Sargent; Janet Thigpen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – On a motion duly made (Draxler/Alger) and carried, the minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – at the last meeting, the board approved a resolution to be sent to state leaders urging them to advance funding and expedite completion of I-86. STC received a letter from Karl A. Brabenec, Member of Assembly, 98<sup>th</sup> District, thanking STC for the resolution and saying that he will work to encourage expedited and continued funding.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Nominating Committee** – Committee Chair Tom Tranter submitted in writing the nominated STC board officers for 2015. They are as follows:

Chair	Donna Draxler
Vice Chair	Joe Hauryski
Executive Secretary	Marcia Weber
Treasurer	Patrick Donnelly

On a motion duly made (Alger/VanEtten) and carried, the above slate of officers was approved as submitted.

The board thanked Dennis Fagan for his two years as chair of the board and presented him with an award for his service.

2. **Budget and Personnel**
  - a) **2015 Cost Allocation Plan** – The committee discussed the 2015 Cost Allocation Plan and recommended it to the board for approval. On a motion duly made (Alger/Johnson) and carried, the 2015 Cost Allocation Plan was approved.
  - b) **NYS Civil Service Commission** – there will be a public hearing on April 8, 2015 regarding the request for change of the executive director's position at STC to one based on training and experience rather than a test.
3. **Audit Committee**
  - a) **Abstract of Claims** – the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$8,993.13. On a motion duly made (VanEtten/Hauryski) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

## **REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

1. **Regional Leadership Conference** –the annual conference will be on April 1 and 2, 2015 at Corning Community College. Classes are scheduled and registration forms distributed. Information is on the STC website at [www.stcplanning.org](http://www.stcplanning.org) and [www.regionalleadershipconference.info](http://www.regionalleadershipconference.info) .
2. **Flood Program Update** – Janet Thigpen gave the following report:

**Baseline Water Quality Program** – STC submitted an application for 604(b) funding to support four more years of the baseline water quality program. DEC specified that at least 30% of the funding be used to support County Water Quality Coordinating Committees and regional watershed organizations. The STC application specifies that a third of the funding would be spent on flood-related issues.

**FEMA Risk Map Projects** – The initial Discovery phase of FEMA's flood hazard mapping project in the Finger Lakes Watershed is nearing completion. FEMA has not yet released a final Discovery Report or any scope of work information. If a mapping project includes updated modeling of Catherine Creek, the levee in Montour Falls should be certified by an engineer to enable recognition of the flood control benefits on the new maps.

**NFIP Reforms** – Janet updated the group on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rate increases that will take effect in April.

**Flood Resistant STC Region** – STC continues to implement a Department of State project to provide training, planning assistance, and education to improve the flood resilience of waterfront communities.

**State and National Flood Policy Issues** – Janet continues to be involved in state and national policy issues as the Public Policy Committee Chair for the NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association and as a board member for the Association of State Floodplain Managers, a national professional organization.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. **Local Development Districts and NYS Department of State** – Mark Pattison, Kyle Wilber, and George Korchowski from the NYS Department of State met with LDD staff from STE, STC, and STW at STC to discuss ARC issues and funding and the ways ARC complements the solutions being explored by NYS for challenges in the region. STC received an increase in ARC funding for 2015 to continue work with municipalities on planning and local government efficiencies.
2. **Local Development District Conference in Washington, DC, March 22-24** – board members were invited to attend this annual conference.
3. **I-86 Corridor Project** – economic developers, planners, and representatives of municipalities and organizations have been meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the I-86 corridor from Elmira to Erwin. A strategic action plan will be developed to result in economic growth in Chemung and Steuben Counties.
4. **Planning School** – STC's classes on municipal planning have been well attended and appreciated by the participants. The next class will be on March 10, 2015 on the topics of long term financial planning, village budgeting, and NYS local government efficiency grants, presented by Chris Grant from NYS DOS.

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#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Committee Review/Assignments** – Anyone wishing to join or change a committee should let STC know. The committee roster is on the STC website.
2. **New Business** –Dennis Fagan introduced new board member Judy McKinney Cherry and welcomed her to the board.
3. **Next Board Meeting** - the next board meeting will be on March 19, 2015.

**ADJOURN** - the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cratsley  
Executive Assistant